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Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance

Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance

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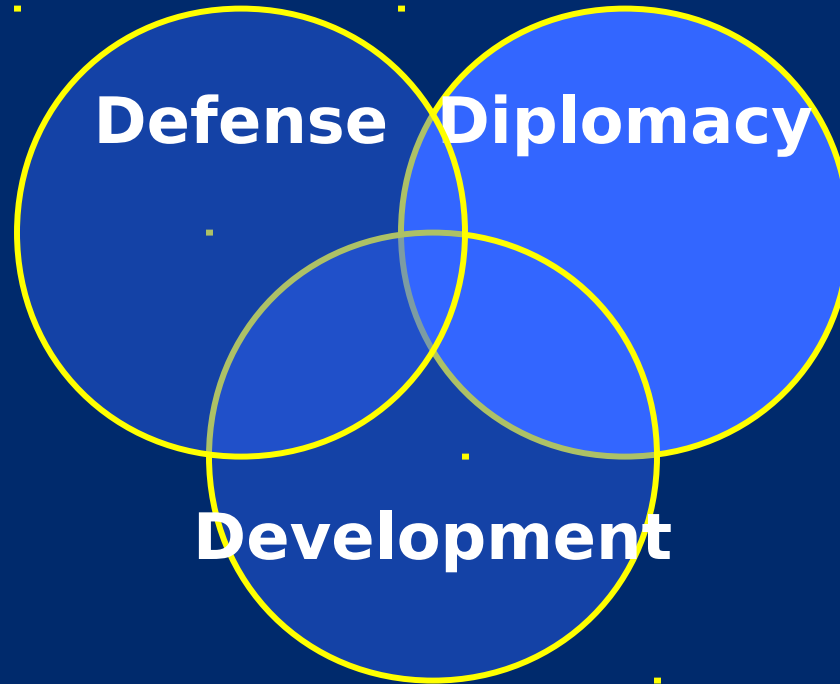
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New Vision for National Security





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Key Documents

- **National Security Strategy 2002**
- **State-USAID Joint Strategic Plan - *Aligning Diplomacy and Development Assistance***
- **USAID White Paper - *Meeting the Challenges of the Twenty-first Century* (January 2004)**
- **DoDD 3000.05 - *Military Support for Stability, Security, Transition, and Reconstruction* (Nov 28, 2005)**
- **NSPD 44 - *Management of Interagency Efforts Concerning Reconstruction and Stabilization* (Dec 7, 2005)**



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NSPD - 44

Department of State, Office of the Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization (S/CRS)

- **Establish PCC for R&S**
- **Integrate DoD and DoS contingency plans**
- **Integrate all Departments and Agencies with relevant capabilities in R&S**
- **Task S/CRS to:**
 - **Develop Strategies; Identify fragile states; Coordinate USG response; Coordinate w/ foreign countries, private sector, NGO, IO; and Develop strong civilian response.**



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DoDD 3000.05

GOAL: Improve DoD R&S capacity

- **R&S ops are now equivalent to combat ops**
- **R&S must be included in all plans**
- **DoD must develop requisite skill sets**
- **DoD must work closely with other USG entities, foreign governments, IOs, NGOs, private sector, etc.**



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USAID White Paper

**Improve policy coherence and effectiveness
by focusing on 5 operational goals:**

- Promoting transformational development
- Strengthening fragile states
- Providing humanitarian relief
- Supporting strategic states
- Addressing global issues



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Management

Bureau for Policy
and Program
Coordination

Office of Faith
Based
Initiatives

Bureau for
Legislative and
Public Affairs

Office of the
General
Counsel

Office of the
Inspector
General

Office of
Equal
Opportunity
Programs

Office of Small
Disadvantaged
Businesses

Bureau for
Economic
Growth and
Trade

Bureau for
Europe and
Eurasia

Bureau for
Africa

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Bureau for
Asia and the
Near East

Bureau for
Latin America
and the
Caribbean

Bureau for
Global Health

Office of
Volunteers
for
Prosperity

Office
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Military
Affairs

Office of
Food for
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Phased Approach in Response





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USAID/OFDA is the lead U.S. Government office for responding to natural and man-made disasters outside of the United States

Role: Coordinate U.S. Government
response to international disasters

Mandate: Save lives
Alleviate human suffering
Reduce the economic impact of
disasters



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Disaster Declaration

- **Disaster declared by U.S. Ambassador**
- **U.S. Government, through USAID/OFDA, may respond if:**
 - **Beyond the ability of the affected country**
 - **Affected country requests, or will accept, assistance**
 - **In the interest of the U.S. Government**



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USAID/OFDA Response Options

- Provide immediate \$50,000 “Ambassador’s Authority”
- Fund NGOs, IOs, and UN to provide relief assistance.
- Deploy Regional Advisor, Assessment Team, or Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART)
- Deploy USAID/OFDA Commodities



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USAID Emergency Response Options

- **Deploy Humanitarian Relief Commodities:**
 - **Located in 3 major stockpiles:**
Dubai, Miami and Italy
 - **Types of commodities:**
 - Blankets**
 - Tents**
 - Plastic sheeting**
 - Hygiene kits**
 - Water containers**





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Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART)

A rapid response management team made up of disaster relief specialists:

- Assists the U.S. Ambassador or Chief of Mission**
- Identifies and prioritizes humanitarian needs**
- Reports on situation**
- Recommends response actions, including NGO/IO/UN funding actions**
- Coordinates with affected country, the military, and other response organizations**



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Coordination in the Field

USAID carries out its mandate in coordination with:

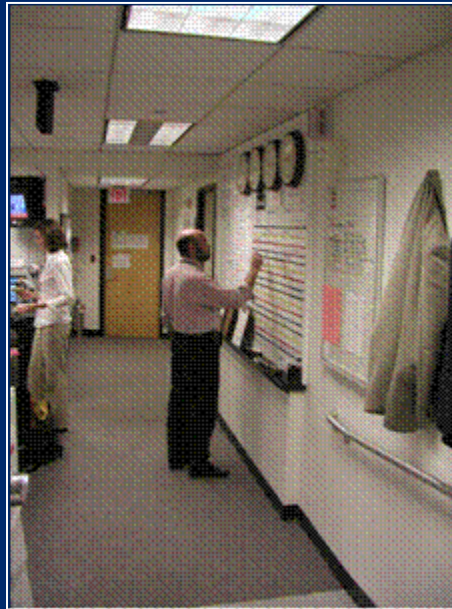
- **The affected country and communities**
- **Local or Host Government**
- **Other USG agencies and offices**
- **Donor governments**
- **Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)**
- **UN relief agencies**



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Response Management Team (RMT)

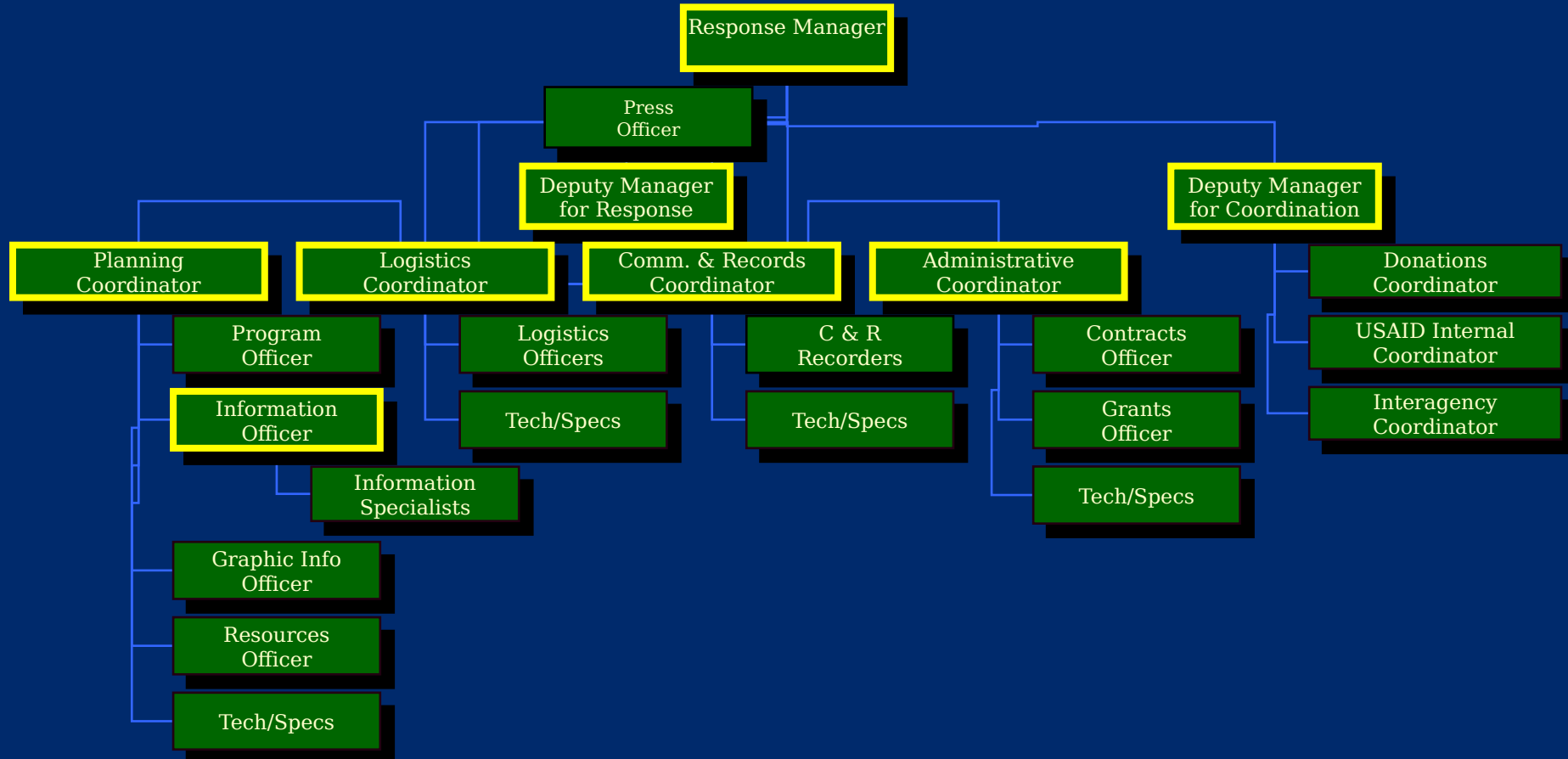
- Washington-based emergency operations





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Response Management Team (RMT)





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Response Management Team (RMT)

- Based on the Incident Command System (ICS)
- Pre-identified teams on a monthly rotational basis
- Supports field teams and activities
- Acquires and transports supplies
- Develops and distributes information
- Serves as liaison to the rest of USG
- Coordinates USAID response and may coordinate USG response